GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN A & N
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched/propose to launch developmental schemes in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands after the visit of the Prime Minister in January, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these schemes and the Inter-Island helicopter service is likely to be made operational there?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (c): In pursuance of the decision taken in the Tenth Meeting of the Island Development Authority held at Port Blair under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 19th January, 2003, the Standing Committee of Secretaries has been assigned with the time bound responsibility of recommending a policy for development of tourism, fisheries, high value agriculture and hydro-carbon energy resources in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep that harmonizes the need to meet developmental aspirations with environmental and strategic concerns. In so far as the inter-island helicopter service in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is concerned, the requisite technical clearances have been obtained and ground work completed for its immediate introduction.